

King Street, 200 Block  
(236 King Street (Commercial Building))  
236 King Street  
Wilmington  
New Castle County  
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Wilmington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) King Street, 200 Block		HABS NO. DE-129-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 236 King Street (Commercial Building)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 236 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware (southeast corner King and Third streets)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1870-80: architectural features	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Lower Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, Historic District, National Register of Historic Places.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) late 19th-century commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, common bond, with frame joist and roof framing systems		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 24'9" King Street front, approximately 50' deep on Third Street.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The exterior of the building is visually divided into bays through the device of flat brick pilasters of pressed brick. The King Street elevation is a single bay 3-stories in height; the Third Street elevation is composed of 5, 3-story bays.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The building was gutted of its 19th-century features when it was altered into a hardware store following its use as a furniture store, department store warehouse, and wholesale grocery from 1920 to the present.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH NOTES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In use as a hardware and paint store until 1984, purchased, condemned and demolished by the City of Wilmington, October, 84		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Republican Publishing Company (which printed the <u>Daily Republican</u> newspaper occupied this address ca. 1880-1910. In 1919 the building housed a wholesale grocer in the city market district; By 1940, used as a furniture store, the building was in a Jewish retail area		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Lower Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, Historic District; National Register of Historic Places, listed 1980. (see attached bibliography)		
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